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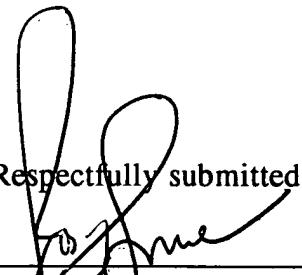
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Attached are four original Declarations executed by the inventors declaring that (1) they are the inventors named in the above-described application; (2) they have read the claims allowed in the above-identified application; and (3) the subject matter of the claims was part of the original invention.

It is respectfully requested that the Final Declaration be made a part of the official file wrapper in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Any questions or comments relating to this matter should be directed to the undersigned attorney.

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